

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
August 4, 2017**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Dan Hilbert
Larry Bischoff
Thomas Nickel
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Scott Petrack, Dan Reinhardt, Charlie Craibe, John Christian, Dan Schultz, Becky Bell; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Nickel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Scott Petrack, Dan Reinhardt, Charlie Craibe and John Christian attended meeting to speak regarding a proposed resolution to abolish the recreational officer position in the Sheriff's Office.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of July 7, 2017; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: Thanks were received from the ERP Committee for allowing them to speak at the last meeting.

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer reported that the amounts for both appointed counsel fees and for psychological evaluations were within budgeted amounts for 2017.

For 2018, the Judge would like to see the bailiff compensation raised and he is working on that.

He also explained the difficulties of hiring court appointed attorneys because of the rate of their compensation and he would like to see that compensation increased. He also explained the process that the State Public Defender's Office has to go through. The Court may appoint attorneys for those who make too much money to be eligible for a public defender but not enough to hire a private attorney. He explained that county appointed attorneys are paid 'up front' but defendants are responsible for repaying the county. His concern is keeping qualified

attorneys to represent these parties. Judge Sciascia is also in favor of an increase in compensation for court appointed attorneys.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron updated the Committee regarding collections through the Department of Revenue using tax intercepts and wage claims. She anticipates this will level off as old assessments are turned over. She reminded the Committee that using the state collections system does not cost the County anything.

Child Support Report: No report.

District Attorney Report: Bob reported on the DAIT interface with Spillman. Although a test of the system has not been started yet, the DA's office does not expect any problems. There are a couple of issues that need to be worked out yet and the Committee will be kept updated on the progress.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel that since the County is responsible for burial of unclaimed bodies, his office makes use of donated cemetery lots and tries to purchase others at below cost if possible. This past week a couple more cemetery lots were donated for this purpose.

The ME's office now has an automatic medication counter. This is used on a daily basis when medications are recovered from a death scene and will be a great time saver.

PJ gave out his 6 month report. While the numbers remain up quite a bit, he doesn't anticipate that this will have a significant impact on his budget.

Sheriff Office Report: Scott Petrack of the Sheriff's Office spoke regarding his opposition to abolishing the recreational patrol officer and gave the Committee his background in this position along with his duties. He informed them of the flexibility in order to teach classes, patrol and assistance to the DNR. Dan Reinhardt spoke in favor of keeping the position as it is now. The Committee also heard from John Christian. Sheriff Schmidt explained his position on how he wants the recreational officer position to be handled by his Office in order to make this more efficient, to provide more services for the least amount of money. A motion for Resolution was brought before the Committee to abolish the recreational patrol and create a Deputy Sheriff – Patrol Position by Nickel with a second by Schraufnagel. After discussion, Miller, Bischoff, Schraufnagel and Nickel voted in favor of the resolution with Hilbert voting against. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmitt reported 2 fatalities last month. There was concern regarding the intersection of Highways A & W.

The County's new K9 officer was sworn in on July 25 so there are now 3 K9's in the department with one operating on each shift.

They are continuing to improve the substations, starting with Neosho. Reports can be done at those substations which will keep deputies in the areas instead of having to drive back to the Office in Juneau. The Sheriff anticipates there will be substations in the Town of Elba, along with using area in the Mayville and Trenton highway shops.

The Sheriff also reported on the hope to add 2 non-sworn Community Service Officers. Since the positions will be under 20 hours per week, this does not need to go before the County for

resolution. The positions will be similar to an intern and could be used as a stepping stone for the Explorer Program graduates to receive training and go into a full time Deputy position. No action is required for the creation of these positions as they are non-benefited part time.

The Sheriff hopes to receive a grant to fund 2 new full time patrol positions through the COPS grant. The COPS grant would help to fund 2 positions for 3 years. The positions would not be filled if the grant was not received. Hilbert moved for the creation of these positions with a second by Bischoff. After further discussion the motion carried.

There was a budget adjustment request for the camera project/body cameras. The Committee was informed who will be wearing the cameras and procedures for when they are activated and for how long the videos will be archived. Nickel moved to approve the budget adjustment with a second by Hilbert. Motion carried.

Committee reports: The Committee report was laid over to the September meeting.

Other business: The information presentation was made at this meeting by Becky Bell from Human Services. She reported that social workers interact with both the Sheriff's Office and the Courts on a daily basis. The areas of interaction include investigation of benefit fraud claims, Child Protective Services, TAD, juvenile charges, adult protective services, economic support and crisis intervention and mental commitments. The biggest challenge is to find resources to meet the needs of those who need help. She advised where some of the funding is received from.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 1, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Bischoff to adjourn meeting; second by Hilbert. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.



Larry Schraufnager, Secretary



Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary